

NO CHURCH TROUBLE**Elder Naylor Denies North Capitol Street Rumor.****CONFERENCE IS COMING HERE**

Rev. C. G. Doney's Eloquent Sways Methodist Episcopalians to Decide on Washington for Meeting Place Next Year—Appointments to Be Announced To-morrow Morning.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., April 6.—Rev. H. R. Naylor, presiding elder of Washington district, denied to-day that there was any financial trouble at the North Capitol Street Church, Washington, branding the report as a "base falsehood."

It was hinted by a former pastor of the church, who has full knowledge of its affairs, that the report was started by a member of the church to prevent the return of Rev. Alexander Bielanski to the pastorate. It would fall of its purpose, he declared, and Rev. Mr. Bielanski, who has had a prosperous year, would be returned. The church had a debt of \$2,500, it was stated, but this was met with an interest paying note in bank. The whole story creates a false impression.

Members of the conference are discussing the eloquent speech of Rev. Carl G. Doney, D. D., which, it is claimed, was responsible for Hamline Church, Washington, of which he is pastor, getting the next conference, beating Eutaw Street, Baltimore, by 99 to 85. He was eloquent and witty. Dr. Doney is entertained at the Windsor Hotel here by former Senator Wellington.

Many Changes Expected.

The work of making the appointments, which will be announced Monday night, is far advanced. It is expected that many changes will be made, some surprising. Rev. George E. Maydwell, secretary of the conference, and pastor of Waugh Church, Washington, is slated to succeed Rev. Dr. H. R. Naylor as presiding elder of the Washington district, it is stated. Rev. C. Herbert Richardson, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's, Hagerstown, a former presiding elder, would succeed Mr. Maydwell in this event. Rev. W. W. Barnes, pastor of Center Street Church, who is entertaining the conference, is almost sure to leave Cumberland, and it is said he will be succeeded by McKendree Church, Washington.

These Baltimore pastors will be sent to other charges: Rev. W. G. Herbert, now at Caroline Street Church; Rev. J. C. Wrightson, North Baltimore; and Rev. J. P. Wright, Union Square.

Rev. Andrew J. Gil, of Frederick, offered a resolution pledging the delegates to the general conference next year to a time limit, but because of objection, it was withdrawn, but he served notice that it would come up next year in Washington, when the delegates would be chosen.

Preachers' Aid Society.

The Preachers' Aid Society met in annual session here to-day. Rev. Job A. Price, D. D., being chosen president. Rev. Edgar C. Powers, of Brightwood, D. C., was elected to membership. An annual dividend of \$11 was declared, fifty-two cents a share.

J. H. Brummett, former pastor of Hunts Circuit, in Baltimore County, was allowed to withdraw from the conference, under complaint, and E. G. Suggs, pastor of Oxford Mission, Baltimore, against whom charges were filed, was discontinued.

Robert J. Nicholson, Arthur H. McKinley, and May A. Lewis were admitted to "elder's" orders. The latter two, of Washington, were elected to full membership. W. L. Orem, of Harford Circuit, was granted a supernumerary relation.

UPTON B. SINCLAIR DEAD.**Father of Author of "The Jungle" Passes Away.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 6.—A message has been received by Mr. John R. Bland, president of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, announcing the death, in New York, of Mr. Upton B. Sinclair, father of Mr. Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle."

According to the dispatch mentioned, Mr. Sinclair's death occurred yesterday morning at one of the New York hospitals. It is said that his body will be cremated in New York, in which city he had been living for a number of years.

Mr. Upton B. Sinclair was a son of the late Commander Arthur Sinclair, of the United States and Confederate States navies. Commander Sinclair was himself the son of Commodore Arthur Sinclair, a distinguished officer of the United States navy, who won fame for himself in the naval engagement with the British on September 14, 1814, on Lake Ontario, at which time he was in command of the General Pike.

Resides his wife and son, Mr. Upton Sinclair, Mr. Sinclair is survived by the following: Arthur Sinclair, and sisters; Lieut. Arthur Sinclair, formerly of the Confederate States steamer Alabama; William W. Sinclair, George T. Sinclair, who was a midshipman during the civil war on board the Confederate cruiser Florida; Mary W. P. Montague, the mother of Mrs. Basil B. Gordon, and Mrs. Walter Blackstone.

TWO TOWNS TO ELECT.**Glen Echo and Kensington to Choose Councilmen and Mayor.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 6.—The board completed arrangements for the town election which will be held the first Monday in May to elect councilmen to succeed Councilmen Thomas A. Weaver and Guy E. Jenkins. Van B. Canada, Thomas Henry, and Dr. J. B. Hubbell were appointed judges of the election, and Clark Boyd was named to serve as clerk. There are no avowed candidates for the positions to be filled, but it is thought there will be no scarcity by election day.

Kensington will also have a town election the first Monday in May. Mayor Cornelius Eckhardt recently resigned, to take effect the 1st of May. As yet there are no avowed candidates in the field. Former Mayor Cornelius Clum is being urged to make the fight, but Mr. Clum declines. Others mentioned in connection with the honor are Capt. E. J. Hartshorne, Dr. Eugene Jones, J. W. Townsend, William M. Terrell, Alfred C. Warthen, and H. C. Armstrong.

Bethesda Citizens Elect.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 6.—At the annual meeting of the Bethesda Citizens' Association, S. D. Caldwell was elected president, Albert Shoemaker, Richard Hunt, Dr. E. C. Schroeder, E. E. Whitely, Edward Gilling, and Isaac S. Hendry, vice presidents, and Harry L. Heikel, secretary and treasurer. The association decided to unite with the trustees of the Bethesda public school and endeavor to have the county school department established in connection with the Bethesda school.

DAWSONVILLE EASTER BAIL.**Large Crowd Attends Annual Social Event in Town Hall.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boys, Md., April 6.—Last evening in the town hall at Dawsonville, an Easter ball was given by a committee of four, Messrs. Eleanor Cassell, Josie Dawson, and Messrs. Allnut and Roger Darby.

Those present were: Misses Florence Vols, Anabel Allnut, Dickerson; Linda Jones, Mabel White, Elsie White, Lillian Brewer, Susie, Sallie, and Bettie Griffith, Florence Pyles, Earl Davis, Nannie White, Mary Clark, Berta Garth, Rhodes, Maude Brownell, Henry Lewis, Eleanor Cassell, Nan Allnut, Annie, Bettie, Mary, and Elsie Byrd, Lucille B. and Eleanor Gott, Josie Dawson, Laura Allnut, and Metz, Medames John Jones, Robert W. Allnut, Fred Allnut, Lewis Allnut, Lawrence Darby, Jr., John Williams, and James H. Jones. Messrs. J. Dawson Williams, Maurice Haines, Claude Tachiffely, Raymon, Williams, Lydiane, Thomas Gott, John Jones, Hemphill, Griffith, Walter Williams, Lawrence, Oliver, White, Hazel Metzger, Frank Davis, George Brewer, J. Frank Lewis, Clyde Griffith, Milton, Edward Lawrence, and Roger Darby, Lawrence, Henry Lewis, and Nathan Allnut, John Byrd, Joseph Allnut, Browning, Nicholas Dawson, Benjamin Gott, Smith Allnut, Barbie, of New York, and Darby, of Baltimore.

COLLINS GETS REPRIMAND.**Glen Echo Town Marshal Cautioned About Use of Revolver.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 6.—At a meeting of the Glen Echo town council, Town Marshal Charles P. Collins was before the board to answer a complaint filed by Arthur J. Houghton, a well-known resident of that town, who charged that the marshal without sufficient provocation had shot and killed a valuable dog belonging to the complainant.

Mr. Houghton stated that he did not want the officer punished, but asked that he be reprimanded. Marshal Collins explained that the dog was acting as if he were mad, and that at the suggestion of several citizens he shot him. Mayor Garrett cautioned the officer to be very careful about the use of his revolver, and not to discharge it unless as a last resort.

CROSS CONTINENT TO MARRY**Romantic Elopement Revealed by Salvation Army.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 6.—The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. Benson from this city yesterday for Tacoma, Wash., disclosed a romance of unusual interest. One day early in January a man of twenty-one years and a girl of sixteen, in male attire, came to Hagerstown on a freight train, presenting the appearance of typical tramps. The girl's wardrobe was limited to the apparel she was wearing—a pair of overalls, a makeshift waist, and an old overcoat. Not having a cent of money, they applied to Capt. Price, of the Salvation Army, for aid, and received it.

Through the captain's efforts the young man secured employment in an automobile factory, and the girl in a knitting factory. The next move of the couple was to secure a marriage license, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Frazer, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The romance attached to the wedding was so well guarded that the interesting details did not become known until this time.

Out in Tacoma, Miss Camilla Earle Aylesworth was a schoolgirl when she fell in love with Leon H. Benson, a young machinist. Her parents objected to the match, and the young people decided to elope. Donning male attire, furnished by her lover, Aylesworth left home and came across the continent with the man of her choice, traveling the entire distance on freight trains, suffering from exposure and privation and perils on route.

They were attracted to Maryland by a marriageable age limit, and finally landed in Hagerstown, begrimed and travel stained, after their long journey, and an experience few runaway couples can boast of.

After the marriage the young couple saved enough money to live comfortably, and in the meantime a reconciliation was effected with the bride's parents, and the fugitives were forgiven. They have gone home to live happily, the groom being offered a position by his father-in-law.

ONE KILLED; FOUR INJURED.**Seaboard Train Strikes Street Car in Charlotte, N. C.**

Charlotte, N. C., April 6.—One man was killed and four were seriously injured to-day, when a Seaboard passenger train ran down a street car on a crossing.

Leo Martin, conductor of the car, was so seriously hurt in the crash that he died at the hospital. Wiley Howard, of Durham, N. C., is fatally wounded. Two other passengers may die.

SCHOOLGIRLS TO TAKE PART.**Will Help Haul Jefferson Davis Monument to Its Site.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., April 6.—Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, has accepted an invitation to take charge of the transfer of the Jefferson Davis Monument from the depot to the monument site. The members of the camp will appear in full uniform with their respective commanders.

Arrangements will also be made to have hundreds of pretty schoolgirls haul the monument to the site. A rope will be attached to the wagon containing the statue, and the children will have hold of the rope.

New Factory for Lynchburg.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 6.—The De Witt-Wharton Manufacturing Company has been formed here by local capital for the purpose of operating a shirt factory in the city. The company will at once erect a building, in which 100 hands will find employment. The officers are: President, Clinton De Witt; vice president, E. M. Wharton, and secretary-treasurer, Clinton De Witt, Jr.

Bryan and Mason Trial Set.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 6.—State's Attorney Owens announced to-day that May 20 has been set for the trial of Olin Bryan and Walter A. Mason, who are charged with conspiring to defraud the Munich Reinsurance Company of \$45,500 during March, 1906. They were indicted by the grand jury yesterday.

John Mulliken Dies Suddenly.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., April 6.—John Mulliken, eighty years old, died suddenly this morning of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rachel Mulliken, four sons, and two daughters.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA**Supervisors Hear Report on Jamestown Exhibit.****RAILWAY'S REQUEST DENIED**

Application of Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Company to Lay Single-track Siding on Hume Avenue Refused—Mrs. Nannie S. Meade Dies at Hospital.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

Corner of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., April 6.—A report concerning the exhibit by which Alexandria County will be represented at the Jamestown Exposition was made to-day at the regular meeting of the county board of supervisors by C. G. Boteler, who has just returned from Jamestown, where he went under commission of the board in connection with the county display. He stated that the proper arrangements had been made for insuring an appropriate representation on behalf of Alexandria County. The sum of \$500 has been appropriated for making the exhibit a success.

The supervisors refused the application of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company for permission to occupy a portion of Hume avenue with a single track siding. Upon the petition of W. C. Shelley and others, an order was entered for the opening of a new road in the Arlington district. The county surveyor was requested to prepare specifications for the improvement of certain roads in Arlington and Jefferson districts. Application was received from several citizens of a new road in that section, and commissioners were appointed to view the proposed route and report at the next meeting.

The Easter german, given by the Alexandria German Club on Friday evening, was a brilliant affair. There were about fifty couples dancing under the leadership of Mr. Harry Beverley and Miss Elizabeth Jones, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Howard, of Fredericksburg.

At midnight supper was served. The chaperones were Mrs. George Mushback, Mrs. J. Sidney Douglas, Mrs. William Faulkner, and Mrs. George Uhler. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Brockett, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. C. W. Watkins, Miss Phil Watkins, Mrs. Quarles, Miss Sarah Kiser, Mrs. Isaac Glegg, Mrs. Louis S. Scott, Mrs. H. P. Roberts, Mrs. Ross Elliott, Miss Gregg, Misses Edith Ramsay, Ruth Bryant, Elizabeth Herbert, Eva Dent, Mary Dent, Eliza Uhler, Rebecca Uhler, Mary Lloyd, of New York; Hildred Gatewood, Hallie Gatewood, Dorothy Gatewood, Julia M. chett, of Maryland; Jean C. Hall, of Douglas, Mary Glenn Uhler, Lucy Douglas, Mary Donahue, Mary Dent, Katie Uhler, Kitty Barrett, Marion Bryant, Nan Lipsett, of Berryville; Julia and Minnie Williams, of Washington; Robley Bromback, Alice Chinn, Courtney Marshall, Grace Anderson, Courtney Greenough, Nannie McClelland, Josie Robinson, Elsie Miller, of Baltimore; Bates, and Hodge of Philadelphia; Willie Williams, Lucy Washington; Micon, Janet Childs, and Howard, of Washington; Annie Selden, Rita Faulkner, Mary Patterson, and Marguerite Patterson, of Baltimore; and Messrs. Page and Waller, Starn, Hunter, Marshall Jones, Gwynn, Dent, James Douglas, John Agnew, Gustav Thomson, Richard Mick, Arthur Bryant, Marshall King, Howard Smith, Alex. Straton, Louis Mochen, Algernon Chalmers, Charles Snoot, Robley Bromback, Harris Franklin, T. A. Summers, Daingerfield Addison, Foster Slaughter, Richard Ch-lister, Mahlon Janney, Marguerite Dent, Henry O. Cooper, John Mason Lee, Eugene Taylor, Kersey Selden, Aylitt Nichols, Angus Crawford, John Brewer. There were many Washingtonians present, among them: M. Messrs. Fraighill, Kim, A. Rowan, Hunton, Dr. Ames, U. S. N.; Craigs, Francis Owens, Doun, R. R. Farr, James F. Casey, Bernard Diamond, Edward Peyton, Charles White, and Madison Brown, and Drs. Berry and Cochran, of this city.

To Decide Upon Exhibit.

Whether any provision will be made for a general representation of Alexandria City at the Jamestown Exposition will probably be decided by the city council at the meeting held Tuesday evening. The board of supervisors will have a creditable display of work executed by the scholars, an appropriation of \$100 having been made by council for this purpose.

Mrs. Nannie S. Meade Dies.

Mrs. Nannie S. Meade died last night at the Alexandria Hospital of paralysis. She was a daughter of the late Edgar Snowden, of this city, and was the widow of Capt. David Meade, of "Benvenue."

Charles Meade, formerly of Alexandria, will be forwarded to-morrow to Clarke county for interment in the family lot in the cemetery at Meade Memorial Church.

Funeral of Mrs. Haynes.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Emma Haynes, whose death occurred last night, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late residence of the deceased, 901 Pendleton street. Rev. Charles D. Bulla, of the M. E. Church South, will officiate, and the interment will be in Union Cemetery. Mrs. Haynes was ninety years of age, was a native of England. Five children survive her.

The remains of John A. Pinks, who died this morning, will be forwarded to-morrow morning to Warren, Va., the former home of the deceased, for interment.

The Episcopal High School baseball team defeated the Baltimore City College striking negroes who are still out, by the score of 15 to 7.

Rev. John O'Hara, of Washington, will preach a sermon at the special vesper services which will be held to-morrow at 7:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Catholic Church.**Greeks Take Strikers' Places.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., April 6.—A large party of Greeks arrived here to-day from Baltimore and went to work on the Merchants and Miners pier, in place of the striking negroes who are still out. The Old Dominion Steamship Company also expects to employ Greeks, and a party is said to be on the way. The Old Dominion has had no ship in port for two days.

Merchant Kills Himself.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Suffolk, Va., April 6.—Dempsey R. Jones, a merchant in Whaleyville, Va., killed himself last night. Mr. Jones took a mixture of laudanum and carbolic acid.

Electric Lineman Killed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., April 6.—Paul Metcalf, a lineman for the Citizens' Railway and Light Company, was electrocuted to-day on the roof of the power house.

HAS THREE HUSBANDS.**Etta Pickens, Police Say, Selected Too Many Better Halves.**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 6.—Etta Pickens was arrested at Millwood, Jackson County, with her three-week-old infant, charged with bigamy, by Deputy Sheriff Fred Stinebaugh, to-day.

The woman told her story at the jail. She said that on June 17, 1901, she was married to Hugh Swager, at Clarksville. On May 11, 1905, without obtaining a divorce, she was married to Leonidas Dill of Wood County, at Marietta, Ohio, by Squire Klad. Later she and Uhl separated, and a few months afterward she married Arthur Rippie, who is the father of the infant.

CHARGED WITH KILLING SON.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlotte, N. C., April 6.—Nathan Moore, a well-to-do farmer living near Nelson, N. C., was committed to jail to-day without bond until a post-mortem examination is made of the body of his nineteen-year-old son, whom he is accused of beating to death.

It was charged that Moore, in a fit of anger, seized a beer bottle and attacked the boy while he was asleep, raining blows on his head and body until the youth was dead.

TWO DEATHS AT WINCHESTER.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 6.—Herbert M. Wynkoop, a farmer, died at his home in Clarke County to-day, aged thirty-five years. A wife and two children survive him.

Miss Elizabeth Alice Russ, aged eighty-two, a native of Bristol, England, died at "Manfield," the home of Mrs. Gen. John G. Walker, to-day, following a lingering illness.

The remains of Philip Cooke Meade, Jr., who died in New York to-day, were interred at Millwood to-day. He was twenty-seven years of age.

CHILDHOOD ADMIRERS WED.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Marshalltown, Iowa, April 6.—Engaged to be married when in their teens in Kentucky, separated by a quarrel and married to others, single again through the death of their respective spouses, William M. Adamson, of Denver, and Mrs. Sarah Frances Birk, of this city, were married here to-day.

Both are grandparents. The bride is fifty-eight and wealthy, and Adamson is sixty-one and said to have valuable Colorado interests.

CUBA READY FOR ELECTION

Special to The Washington Herald.

Leaders Agree Upon Action When Taft Arrives.

Prepared to Take Up Municipal Question, but Not Time Yet for Presidential Choice.

Havana, April 6.—The Liberal leaders have reached an agreement to tell Secretary Taft when he arrives here that Cuba is ready for municipal elections, but that it would be unwise to set any date now for the Presidential election. This decision was reached at a conference of the factions headed by Senor Zayas and Jose Miguel Gomez. The Moderates, it is understood, take the same view, so Secretary Taft will probably decide that this is the correct view.

The decision of the Liberals to express this opinion to Secretary Taft is very important, as both factions have been fighting tooth and nail since last fall. It simply demonstrates the fear of one for the other, and also their fear of an open test of strength.

A wireless message received from the yacht Mayflower, on which Secretary Taft is a passenger, says he will arrive here at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. It is expected that Secretary Taft will come ashore almost immediately and begin the voluminous work already outlined for him. Politicians will besiege him, as will also business men, for the purpose of finding out what are the definite intentions of the United States in regard to Cuba.

The report of yellow fever at Nueva Paz is confirmed, but there is only one doubtful case. Havana is very anxious to get rid of the pest, and the health authorities declare positively that the case there is an isolated one, and that there is no danger here.

More trouble is brewing in the Isle of Pines between the Cuban authorities and the American residents there. The latter are preparing to resist forcibly the collection of taxes by Cuba. It is feared serious difficulties, possibly accompanied with bloodshed, will follow before the dispute is settled. An appeal will be made to Secretary Taft when he arrives to-morrow to intervene to secure relief for the Americans in the Isle.

Word received to-day shows that the cane on many plantations in Eastern Cuba is being burned. It is believed the outrages have been committed by Cubans, who are anxious to impress upon the Americans the necessity for annexation, and with a view of deterring the United States to continue its control of Cuban affairs.**SOUR PEOPLE ORGANIZE.**

Giris Form Society to Be Known as the Lemon Club.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Millwaukee, Wis., April 6.—Crate No. 1, Illustrous Order of the Lemon, which is to be a national order, was organized last night. Twenty-eight candidates were initiated. The initiation fee of every candidate had to sing in part:

I'm a lemon, I'm a lemon;

I'm a lemon all right.

I've been squeezed, I've been squeezed;

I've been squeezed quite tight.

The officers of the crate are: Grand lemon, Miss Margaret Murray; grand lemon aide, Miss Emily Metzger; grand lemon poet, Miss Rita Shea; grand lemon secretary, Miss Agnes Leonard.

Having been squeezed is the only condition for membership.

Primary Election Date Fixed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., April 6.—At a meeting to-day in Winchester of a Democratic executive committee of the counties of Frederick and Shenandoah and the city of Winchester, the date for the primary election, at which candidates for the state senate, the house of delegates, and county officials are to be selected, was fixed for June 15.

Dying from Auto Explosion.

Auburn, Mass., April 6.—Wilfred J. Javery, aged twenty-two years, of 183 Chandler street, Boston, is dying to-night as a result of being injured by a gasoline tank of an automobile he was intending to drive from Webster to Boston. It is not known what caused the explosion.

Corporation Ad a Felony.

Austin, Tex., April 6.—Gov. Campbell to-night signed the bill making it a felony for corporations to contribute to campaign funds or in any way aid a candidate's election.

GIRL TELLS OF PLOT**Miss Mabel Mercer Says Her Father Kidnapped Her.****LURED AWAY FROM NEW YORK**

Placed in Reformatory Institution Near Philadelphia, She Escapes, and, Aided by Young Man in Auto, She Returns to New York—Is Preparing to Go on the Stage.

New York, April 6.—Pittsburg, which furnishes this city with much of its sensational material, now comes to the front with a kidnapping of a pretty young woman by her father, her forcible detention in a Philadelphia convent, which she had been required at the point of a revolver to enter; her escape, and return to this city to go on the stage; her fear of recapture, and her determination to remain away from the espionage of her parents. The recital is made by the young woman herself, who is Miss Mabel Mercer, a pretty brunette, who is living at the Hotel Plymouth, 237 West Thirty-eighth street, under the name of Doris Bland. She is the daughter of George Mercer, custodian of the public buildings for Allegheny County, a man of wealth, and a figure in politics. She is just past eighteen years old, is vivacious, and is inclined to follow her own desires. The story of her capture and escape is as follows:

She ran away from her home in Pittsburg two months ago, coming to this city. Her reasons for leaving home she declines to make public. She had left the family home, where she was a pupil, and this so displeased her father that there was a disagreement in consequence. When she reached New York she secured an engagement with a theatrical company, and then she went to a lawyer, and he informed her that her father could not require her to return.

Told Her Mother Was Ill.

According to her statements, when she approached her hotel, on March 25, she saw a cab with her father and another man awaiting her. He told her, she says, that her mother was dangerously ill, and that he had come to take her to her bedside. She agreed, and was driven rapidly to a Pennsylvania Railroad station. She was surprised, she said, when after having passed over the State line and into Pennsylvania, to see the man who was with her father leave there. She learned after reaching Philadelphia that he was a detective.

She continues, she was taken to Germantown, although she had unsuccessfully tried to escape while they were in a restaurant. When they reached Germantown her father directed that they be driven to the "Midnight Mission," an institution for girls. At this point her story approaches the weird. She says her father informed her he was going to put her where she could do no harm, and when she protested he drew a revolver, saying: "If you don't go in you know what I'll do to you."

Forthwith she entered the convent, where she remained until she managed to escape after feigning illness. She had been with the other girls closely guarded. One morning she was locked in her room, but made such a prodigious noise that the matron soon came.

"I sprang out into the hall and turned the key in the door, thus locking her in," said Miss Mercer.

"I had nothing but the ugly uniform of the institution on, and I knew that if I did get out the chances were that I would not get very far away. However, I was desperate, and I knew that I had left the window I got out of open on the roof of a porch. It was protected by a sash of interwoven iron, but I managed to lift up one end far enough to squeeze my body through. It was a hard task, and left black and blue marks on me that I have yet."

"Once out on the roof I slid down an iron rod to the porch below. After accomplishing this feat there was still a distance of fifteen feet to the ground. I was very much excited by this time, as it was dark daylight, and I knew that my chances of getting away were slim. I reached my hand under the eave of the porch, and as I did so I encountered barbed wire, evidently intended to make escape from the building more difficult. The wire cut my arm dreadfully. I lost my balance and fell to the ground. That I was not seriously hurt was pure chance. I was stunned for a moment, I got on my feet as soon as possible and made for the front. There I found an automobile with a young man in it."

"I was a sorry looking object. My gingham uniform was torn. I had no hat and, worst of all, I had lost my money."

"Jump in and we'll get away from here," said my automobile friend. He took me to a train and I came to this city."

SWETTENHAM TO TRAVEL.

Jamaican ex-Governor Will Visit Canada, via England and Japan.

Ottawa, April 6.—Canadians will soon get a chance to see Sir James Alexander Swettenham, the British colonial administrator at Jamaica who snubbed Rear Admiral Davis. A special from Jamaica says: "Sir James, who has resigned the governorship, leaves this island in June for England. From there he will go to Japan and then come across Canada. He will be accompanied by Lady Swettenham, and will remain for some months."

It is expected he will visit Ottawa, Toronto, and all the principal Canadian cities.

GETS "INCUBATOR BABY."

Mrs. Bleakly Secures Possession of Child Exhibited at St. Louis.

Topeka, Kans., April 6.—The State Supreme Court to-day decided that Mrs. Charlotte Bleakly, of Lawrence, Kans., is entitled to the famous "incubator baby," born in St. Louis during the World's Fair.

In the same hospital at the time Mrs. Bleakly gave birth to her baby, another was born. One died and the other was placed in an incubator in the "Coke."

This baby was adopted by Mrs. James Barkley, of Moline, Ill. Then Mrs. Bleakly decided it was not her child which died, and brought proceedings in Illinois and won. The Barkleys sued in Kansas and won.